

Minutes – Region III

Regional Telecommunications Council

July 19, 2012

RTC Members Present: Theresa Zeigler, Scott Fosseen, Judith Brueggeman, Tim Evans for Steve Fleagle, Chad Frerichs, Lili Jensen, Angie Vaughan

RTC Members Absent: Art Pixler

Guests Present: Nicole Rosfjord, Al Wudel

Call to Order

Scott Fosseen, RTC III Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:31.

Reports

Theresa Zeigler reviewed RTC responsibilities.

RTC Funding & Budget Approval: Scott reported on the slight change in funding for FY 2013 due to Des Moines Public Schools not receiving an allocation. Scott asked for any questions over the Region III FY 13 Regional Telecommunication Councils Regional Support Services Plan and Budget Template. The budget is being divided into thirds as it has been in the past, with one third being allocated to Technical Assistance, one third to Planning and Troubleshooting and one third to Scheduling. No questions or concerns were raised by those present. Theresa reminded the group that the Fiscal Agent must also sign the Plan and the Certificate of Accountability is included. Lili Jensen moved to approve the Regional Telecommunications Councils Regional Support Services Plan and Budget Template FY 2013 as written. Chad Frerichs seconded. The Plan was approved as a unanimous decision.

Changes & Video Rates: Theresa reported on changes for FY 2013. Training sessions have been held for the Techs and Schedulers regarding monthly tracking reports and the new allocation process. Theresa reviewed the timeline for RTC allocation. Half of the funds will be received at the time of Plan approval. If monthly reports are done as required, the second half will be released. The reason for the changes is a desire for consistency, documentation, and accountability among RTC regions. FY 2012 RTC Progress Reports are due September 30, 2012. Two RTC III meetings shall be held per year. One will be a face-to-face meeting in the summer and the other will be a telenet. Spot reviews are possible. Theresa also reviewed video rate history, which have not changed since FY 10.

Updates: Al reported on video classrooms. It is a challenge to keep rooms operational as equipment ages.

Scott reported that the ICN will be working toward H323 or IP based. Scott has been holding workshops for schools to complete the e-rate paperwork. Schools have been able to double bandwidth without

much of a price increase. Scott has also been working on school troubleshooting calls as schools move toward one to one.

Nicole reported that in-advance scheduling deadlines will be approaching for spring semester.

Scott reported on ICN status. ICN has been busy replacing some infrastructure to support higher bandwidth, with most of it paid for with a grant. Currently, they are 60% complete. They are piloting IP video classrooms.

Next Meeting Date: March 20, 2013 at 10:00 am